

SEPTEMBER 2018
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

First News

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

OUR THIRD ANNUAL *Fashion Show*



On September 29th, we will be holding our third annual Fashion Show at FCC, and if you have attended the other shows, you know how much fun and enjoyable they are. Previously, the shows were sponsored by *Carsons Department Store*, but unfortunately Carsons has had to close its doors, and is no longer available to help us. However, we are very fortunate in that **Chicos in Rochester** has stepped up to sponsor this year's show!! If you have ever shopped at Chicos, you know how up to date, and fashionable their clothing is, and it is also reasonable in price, so expect our models to be looking sharp and stunning in the outfits chosen for them.



A delicious luncheon will be served, and based on previous lunches, I know how tasty everything is going to be, plus we get another chance to be served by some great men from our church. These servers do a fabulous job every year, and we are so lucky to have them.

After the show and luncheon, a program has been planned for our enjoyment, and from what I know so far, it promises to be interesting and entertaining. Tickets are going fast, so if you plan to attend, please see **Joan Millmine** or **Winnie Waterland** as soon as possible. ■

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The Pastor's Pen

A River Runs Through It

The summer is over and September is here. As you read this the Labor Day fair is just days away. The Karl and Dean Memorial Golf Outing was a complete success thanks to Jerry & Robyn Worden and their team. We also brought the trophy home where it belongs, no thanks to my team; we were second from last. I will not mention the last place team, but they know who they were, right Carolyn? We have worked hard all summer to get the Prayer Path back up and running. We are proud of what God has given us here and are excited to share this with others. We are also putting together a new directory this month. Everyone gets a free photo and a directory.

Life just like time, continues to move at a fast pace. I had the privilege to go to my cousin's wedding in Lake Placid, New York. We stayed at a place called the Hungry Trout, a fly fishing



resort. It was beautiful and rested on the banks of the Ausable River. They had chairs by the river where we could just sit and listen to the river flow.



The pace of the river was fast and it made me compare the river to life; it can go by so quickly.

The Bible uses the river to represent new life. We see Jesus baptized in the river and later all the disciples and followers would be baptized to symbolize newness of life. There is always opportunity to begin afresh, to start over, or just try something new in life. As we head into fall, we have an opportunity to start new ways as a church to reach out to our community. I hope you are as excited as I am about the great things God is doing at First Congregational Church. Being your pastor has been and will continue to be a great privilege and Honor that I do not take lightly. ■

Your Pastor,
✠ Tim Chappell



Men's Saturday Morning Bible Study

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month
9:00 am
Oxford Nugget AKA: Mario's

Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm

New Testament Study

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
After Worship Service

Ladies Book Study

9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.



Missions

Notes from Mission Board

- We are adding Food Mission and Kids Klostet back to Missions Board agenda and charter. Review the original Missions Board charter.
- The One-Time Special Mission Offering for "World Hope" Africa raised \$1428. Thanks for your donations!
- Sometime in Summer 2019 Pastor Tim would like to see FCC do a trip mission to South Africa. We would need to start a countdown calendar and special mission fundraiser in September.
- The August Mission is changed to "KidsKlostet Backpack Drive."
- Mission Board will get some additional "Pastor's Goals" for consideration.
- Dan will get an accounting and mission donation report put together before next board meeting.
- Based on the success of the one-time World Hope fundraiser, we may consider doing additional Special Mission offerings.
- Pastor Tim would like to see FCC do a collaboration with Grace Centers in 2019.
- Discussion on the Food Truck needed repairs. Once the costs are identified, that could be one candidate for a Special Mission offering.
- We will be adding Kim McLarty and Carol Moore to the board meetings and emailings.

Dan Wung

Monthly Missions for 2018

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| September | Philippines "Mission to the Far East" |
| October | Kid's Klostet
for <i>Thanksgiving gift cards</i> |
| November | Kid's Klostet
for <i>Christmas gift cards</i> |
| December | Pastor's Discretionary Fund |

FCC Second Wheelchair Bag Workshop and Pot Luck Lunch

**Saturday, October 13, 2018
10:00 to 3:00 PM**

Please join us for our second workshop to make bags for wheelchairs.

We will provide fabric for this project, but feel free to bring any fabric or strapping to donate if you wish. (Don't forget your dish to pass and your sewing machine.)

Our last batch of bags was donated to the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. We will continue to support the Veterans Hospital again this year. Keep in mind, if you know of someone who could use a wheelchair bag, we will gladly see that they receive one.

In Faith,

Nancy Hill, Mickey Schwar, Sharen Worden

Fidget Quilt Workshop and Pot Luck Luncheon

**Saturday, November 3, 2018
10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**

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The fidget quilts will be donated to local institutions for patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Bring: Your sewing machine. A dish to pass for lunch. (*We will have utensils, plates, napkins, coffee, tea and water.*)

We will supply the material and embellishments, or you can bring your own. Please join us even if you don't sew—we also need help to cut fabric, iron, sort & clean up.



Golf Outing

Karl & Dean Atkins Memorial Golf Outing

Sunday afternoon turned out to be a great day for golf (like any other day isn't?). God gave us a beautiful day (it sprinkled a little and maybe some thunder off in the distance) but a great day. It sounds like everyone had a great time and are eager to return next year. Due to the outstanding First Place performance of; **Tom Hampton**, (Pastor of Community Bible Church) **Rick Voltmer**, **Don Blower** and **Aaron Baughey**,

**THE TROPHY CAME HOME
WHERE IT BELONGS!**



In the clubhouse, Robyn and I passed out the money for First Place, (names above)
SECOND PLACE: Cherie & Brian Fisher, Jim Wigner and John Durocher
BOOBY PRIZE: Traci Cooley, Carolyn Mills, Rose Capalungan and Deb Arquette
LONGEST DRIVE FOR MEN: Ed Chappell
LONGEST DRIVE FOR WOMEN: Sue Aulgur
CLOSEST TO PIN MEN: Ed Chappell
CLOSEST TO PIN WOMEN: Nobody hit the green (money donated to church)

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Jerry Worden

One dozen golf balls

Dr. Jennifer Caudill

Samples of skin cream, laundry soap

Carl's Golfland

Bags

Cherie Fishers team donated back \$40.00 from their 2nd place winnings. Thank You!

We also had a 50/50 drawing which Kam and Athena sold tickets. The winner received \$85.00.

A big "THANK YOU" to **Athena Chapple** for the great photography. **Kam McLarty** for driving her around and helping Robyn. I also want to thank Robyn for putting in many hours getting door prizes and keeping me on my toes. Pastor Tim and his great staff for their helpful support. After the 50/50 drawing and prize money was given out, we were able to donate \$246.00 back to the church. ■

Best Regards,
Jerry and Robyn Worden

Golf Outing





From The Editor

Hello, FCC family,

If you're like me, you probably are wondering how the summer months went by so quickly, and how on earth did we already get to September?? Wasn't it just May, and we were celebrating Memorial Day? Now, all of a sudden, it's back to school advertising, and good by to kids heading off to college, probably with a lot of trepidation about what the new year will bring. And it can't possibly be time for the *Labor Day Fair and Classic Car Show*, can it? and yet, here we are, scurrying around, searching attics, basements, garages, cupboards, looking for items that we no longer need or want, and deciding if they are suitable for donating to the rummage sale or antiques and collectibles booth.

Tim Campbell and **Caroline Mills** are planning and organizing, contacting various people and companies, making lists, searching for help and lining up numerous food and drink donations. This is a huge, time consuming, job and they do it so well! Many thanks go out to them, as well as to Pastor Tim, Athena, and Traci, as well as everyone of you who donate your time and money that will help make this, our 24th Fair, another huge success. As the saying goes, it takes a village, and we are it.

To all you bakers out there, time to start on those pies, cakes, cookies, yummy snacks, whatever you can do, because every baked item sells out quickly, and we usually run out by 1:30--2: p.m. Bake ahead and freeze if you have to, but please contribute whatever you can. **Sally Gillies** will appreciate any help you can give with pricing items, beginning on Sunday, September 2, right after church.

Oh, one other thing, pray for good weather, no rain, not too hot, low humidity, blue skies,

fluffy white clouds, in other words, a perfect day, with super attendance! That's not too much to ask for, is it??

After the Fair is over, we can all start preparing for the *Fashion Show* on the 29th of September, which is being sponsored this year by Chicos in Rochester. Following the Fashion show and Luncheon, there will be a short program, which, at this time I don't have many details, but there is a rumor going around that includes Pastor Tim and comedy. Hmmmm, I think this sounds intriguing, so I definitely plan to be there, and hope to see all of you as well.

When I started my editorial today, I had no clue what I was going to write about, but with the Lord's help, I seem to have filled up my space. Thank the good Lord for these and all the other blessings I have in my life, including each and every one of you. ■

God's Peace be with you.

Jeri Sawyer, Editor



It was like being at Carnegie Hall in Clarkston on Sunday, August 12 when Annamarie Evans' violin class gave their first public performance. The class, from left to right included Star Steward, Annamarie Evans, Sue Aulgur and Pastor Tim. The "little stars" received a standing ovation for their effort.



Kids Music Camp



What Fun!!

Based on all of the excited, smiling, spinning around, happy faces at the Concert for Family and Friends, I would have to say that the Music Camp was a huge success!! And that was just the FCC Choir!!!



Naturally, the kids had a ball, they couldn't sit still, and they were so eager to show us how much they had learned, they couldn't wait to get started!! Each child had a chance to perform on a particular rhythm instrument. And perform they did! Choir Director **Glen Holcomb** had introduced these children to congas, bongas, djemba, xylophone, glockenspiel, and other hand rhythm instruments, as well.

The FCC choir also performed, singing "Swinging on a Star" and "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby" while the kids accompanied them on the rhythm instruments. Parents and friends loved it, and a fun time was had by all!!

Thank you, Glen and FCC choir, and hope to see this wonderful experience again next year. ■





Bits & Pieces

Organ Concert

Wow! Amazing! Delightful! Awesome! Thrilling! Words can't even describe this marvelous performance by **Dr. Quincy Dobbs**, organist extraordinaire, at the Organ Concert on Sunday, August 19, at FCC! Dr. Dobbs began with an introductory talk on the origin of the organ and how it had evolved over the centuries to the marvelous musical instrument that it is today. His musical knowledge of the organ is extensive, as he proceeded to play various types of songs, from classical to more familiar selections, all the while giving us information in his own humorous and charming way.

The music varied from loud, booming chords to soft, gentle tones, and everything in between, each selection an absolute delight. Before the concert ended, Dr. Dobbs invited our own **Star Steward** to accompany him in a duet, Star on the piano and he on the organ. They delighted us with two selections, and sounded as if they had been performing together for many years. All in all, just a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon at FCC, and hopefully, we will have more of these.

Thanks go out to Dr. Dobbs, and to **Glen Holcomb** for bringing this wonderful talent to our church. ■



The Prayer Path's face lift is shaping up. It looks amazing. Thank you to Gale and Carol Wigner for donating the new sidewalk and giving us this beautiful view. A big thank you to Alan Aulgur, Jack Barber, Pastor Tim and everyone who worked out there.






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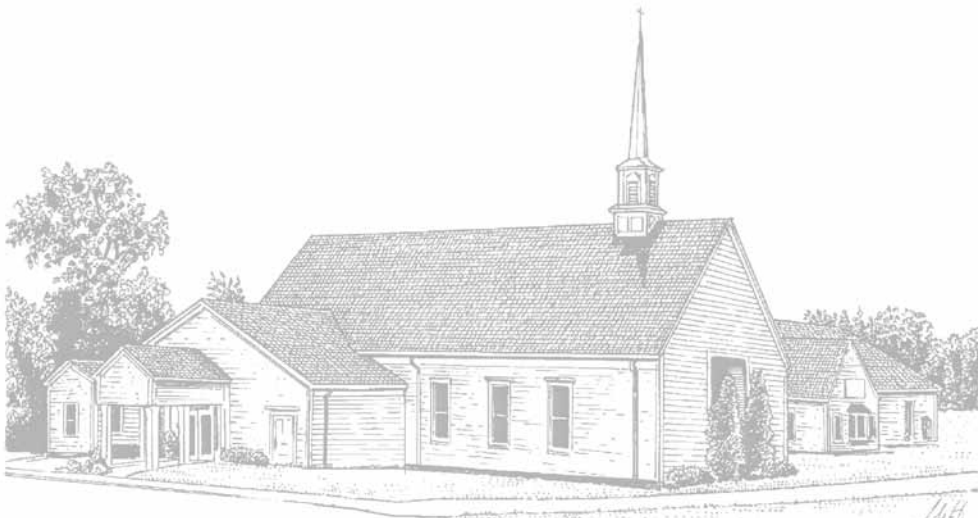
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